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9 FAM 41.62 REGS/STATUTES

MAJOR CHANGES

1. **9 FAM 41.62** references to the U.S. Information Agency have been removed as a result of USIA's integration with the Department of State.
2. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to International Broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.
3. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the section is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide the historical record of changes.
4. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity [see 2 FAM 1115.2].

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